permitting access to any of the information resources having a specified trust level

requirement commensurate with the trust level associated with the authenticated

at least one credential.

25. (Original) A method, as recited in claim 36, *24* further comprising:

denying access to any of the information resources having a specified trust level

requirement greater than with the trust level associated with the authenticated at

least one credential.

26. (Original) A method, as recited in claim 36, *24* further comprising:

for access to any of the information resources having a specified trust level requirement

greater than the trust level associated with the authenticated at least one

credential, obtaining at least one additional credential corresponding to a client

entity and authenticating the client entity thereby;

the at least one additional credential having an associated trust level commensurate with

specified trust level requirement.

27. (Original) A method, as recited in claim 36, *24*

wherein the credentials types include at least two of passwords, certificates,

username/password pairs, one time passwords, biometric indicia, and smart cards.

28. (Currently Amended) A method of providing sign-on in a networked information

environment that provides plural trust levels, the method comprising:

directing a request for access to a first information resource from an insufficiently

authenticated client entity to a credential gathering service;

associating a first trust level requirement with the access to the first information resource;

selecting from plural credential types, a credential type having an associated trust level

commensurate with the first trust level requirement;

obtaining a credential of the selected credential type for the client entity; and

authenticating the obtained credential.

29. (Original) A method, as recited in claim 28, the method further comprising:

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